



MARLBORO NEWS FROM MAYOR HORNIK

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As we enter the summer of 2023, I am delighted to see kids enrolled in our camps, families traveling and our neighbors out and about. In many ways this feels like the first summer in recent memory with a true sense of normalcy, and for this, I am grateful.

No matter what a year may have in store for us, from extreme weather to public health crisis, we undertake a comprehensive annual budget process through which we establish service levels and priorities for capital improvements.

I am pleased to say that I put forth to the Town Council a flat municipal budget which contained a zero percent municipal tax increase. It was approved unanimously and in a bi-partisan manner. The budget maintains critical services, supports senior and recreation programming, and keeps police officers in schools and on the roads. It includes an additional police officer for a long term assignment to the New Jersey Auto Theft Task Force, as well as funding for additional patrols of neighborhoods for maximum deterrence.

The budget also funds a down payment on my \$35 Million / 7 Year Road Program and other critical infrastructure upgrades. Due to our Triple A bond rating from both Moody's and Standard & Poors, we are able to finance capital improvements at the lowest rate possible while keeping our outstanding debt at only 21% of the amount permitted by the State. For a breakdown of your local tax bill, take a look at 'Your Property Tax Bill Explained' on the reverse side of this page.

For me and our Police, resident safety and property security are the #1 priority. By working together, successful vehicle thefts have dropped 60% since this time last year. Our tool kit to combat auto thefts includes various initiatives, including 'Take the Pledge', 'See Something. Say Something. We Will Do Something.', and enhanced police patrols to focus resources on targeted areas. We also pressured Trenton to reverse course and once again allow local police to engage in stolen vehicle pursuits, and adopted a local law to levy fines or imprisonment against anyone who merely trespasses for the purposes of stealing a vehicle. I am proud of the determination of our police officers to keep our community safe, an effort borne out by a recent study ranking Marlboro the 19th safest town in America and the 4th safest in the State.

With the help of our employees, residents and volunteers, we remain focused on maintaining Marlboro's quality of life and status as one of the most desirable, premier suburban communities in the State.



COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY

STAY INFORMED: Township website, email, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Police SWIFT 911 and more. Transparent communication keeps our community in touch and informed about programs, schedule changes, road construction, and emergencies. To register, scan QR code or visit Marlboro-nj.gov.



SHOP MARLBORO PROPERTY TAX REWARD PROGRAM:

The Marlboro Economic Development Committee is relaunching the *Shop Marlboro!* Program and welcomes all to join. Shop locally at participating merchants and reduce your property taxes. It is easy to

sign up and no card is needed. Visit www.propertytaxcard.com (scan QR code) or download the 'PT Card' app to your Apple or Android smart phone.



MARLBORO RECREATION:

Our Recreation Department offers sports, classes, and programs for all ages as well as Township events and unsurpassed programming for residents over 60 all year long. During the summer and fall months we enjoy

concerts, fireworks, movies under the skies and more. Don't miss Marlboro Day, our biggest event of the year, on September 10 from noon to 5pm.

THE MARLBORO FARMERS MARKET 2023 SEASON:

Open every Sunday, 9am to 1pm, June through October and the Fall Holiday Market on November 19. Something for everyone! All on preserved farm land, located at 444 Route 520, just west of Route 79.

